

Cal Trans Pulga Maintenance Station

Employee Housing Demolition Special Use Amendment Request

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The California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) has submitted a request for an amendment to their special use permit (Auth ID: 101102) for maintenance station at Pulga on Highway 70. The amendment would authorize the removal of two buildings formerly used as employee housing and adding a materials storage bin building.

California Highway 70. Post miles 42.11, MDM, T. 23N., R. 5E., section 32, Butte County, California.

Demolish employee houses 5 (Foreman's Cottage) and 2 (Worker's Cottage) as shown on Exhibit A. Employee house 5 is approximately 36 feet long by 20 feet wide and is a three-story, four bedroom and one bath house. It is approximately 1,150 square feet and includes a basement and a second floor. The house will be removed, the basement left in place, and filled with approximately 280 cubic yards of material. Material will be taken from the nearby Cal Trans disposal site (Chambers Disposal site) located on NFS lands. Employee house 2 is approximately 40 feet long by 28 feet wide and is approximately 1,100 square feet. It is a one-story house and has an attached one-car garage. The houses are of an age that they may contain asbestos material. All demolition material including hazardous material will be taken to an appropriate landfill, off Forest, following all applicable laws and regulations. Once the two houses are removed Cal Trans will pave the space occupied by the buildings and their lots (approximately 23,000 and 24,500 square feet respectively). Preparation for paving will include removing two larger and several small (less than 10 inches dbh) trees.

The new materials storage building is made out of sheet metal and is 64 feet wide by 23 feet deep by 15 feet high. The building is used to store cinders and de-icing agents for snow and ice removal.

The project was entered into PALS and appeared on the Schedule Of Proposed Actions (SOPA) on September 1, 2020.

The project is anticipated to have a decision in September, 2020 and implementation as weather allows access. Please provide any comments to Maria Cisneros, maria.cisneros@usda.gov or Clay Davis, clay.davis@usda.gov